me in Delhi have been made during the last five years to the persons registered under it;

(b) whether any draw for allotment of plots has been done for middle income group in the last five years;

(c) whether Government have investigated the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) No, Sir. this is not a fact.

(b) The details of plots allotted/allocated in Rohini in respect of middle income group during this period are as follows:—

Particulars of draws	Plots allotted
Ist release on 14-7-82 . .	1598
2nd release on 22-9-83 . .	2208
3rd release on 21-12-84 . .	960
TOTAL :	4766

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

1661. [*Transferred to the 20th August, 1985.*]

Inspections on foreign chartered fishing boats

1662. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of inspections undertaken on foreign chartered fishing boats in 1985;

(b) whether scrutiny has been maintained by Government on them;

(c) whether it is a fact that many chartered fishing boats do not bring their catch to the Indian Ports;

(d) what are the safeguards at present in force to ensure that all chartered boats report regularly to Indian Ports;

(e) the names of companies whose boats have violated this condition; and

(f) the action taken by Government against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) During 1985, a total of nine inspections were undertaken by the Coast Guard in respect of 16 vessels. Besides, the designated Officers have also undertaken 8 inspections in respect of 10 vessels as per the inspection reports received so far.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Chartered vessels are required to report their location and quantum of catch to any of the Coast Guard Stations daily. These vessels are also required to make mandatory calls at the nearest port at the end of 45th day of fishing. After completion of voyages, the chartered vessels are to report to the allotted base of operation for declaration of catch to the customs authorities and for depositing the charter permits before sailing back for the home port. The designated Officers also inspect the catch and send reports to the Government. The charterers are required to furnish reports to the Government in the prescribed proforma. Violation of the terms and conditions of charter is punishable under the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981.

(e) and (f) Reports have been received that some vessels operated by the following Indian companies had been recalled by the foreign collaborators in mid-voyage in 1984 thereby breaking the Charter party Agreements unilaterally. Hence the question of taking action against the Indian companies does not arise.

The names of the Indian companies are:

(i) M/s. Metropolitan Trading Company, Bombay.

(ii) M/s. Bottle Glass Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

(iii) M/s. Tropical Shipping Company, Vishakhapatnam.

(iv) M/s. Varuna Marine Products, New Delhi.

(v) M/s. VBC Exports (P) Ltd., Vishakhapatnam.

(vi) M/s. Coastal Trawlers (P) Ltd. Kakinada.

Deepsea fishing with assistance of other countries

1663. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration a scheme for deep sea fishing with the assistance of other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the foreign exchange likely to be earned by the sale of fish so caught?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Closure of rice mills

1664. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to close down 24 modern rice mills, working all over the country, set up by the Food Corporation of India;

(b) what are the details of these 24 mills, their location, the total number of employees employed;

(c) the total number of employees likely to be affected by the closure of the mills; and

(d) what steps have been taken to provide alternate employment to the workers likely to be retrenched?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The Management of the Food Corporation of India have decided to close operations in its 25 rice mills on account of economic non-viability.

(b) A statement is annexed.

(c) and (d) The FCI staff working in these mills will be adjusted elsewhere in the Corporation and there will be no retrenchment on account of closure of the mills.

Statement

Details of the Modern Rice Mills of Food Corporation of India

Sl. No.	State in which mills located	Place of location	No of employees of the Corporation
1	Tamil Nadu	Chidambaram	26
		Sembanarkoil	24
		Mannargudi	24
		Thanjavur	24